

Board of Psychology

Friday December 7, 2018 @ 9:30 AM
Public Minutes

The December 7, 2018 meeting of the Board of Psychologists convened at 9:36 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH with the following members present:

Anna L. Elbroch, Esq., Chair
Robert P. Walrath, Psy.D.
Lauren Greenwald, Esq.
Tonya Warren, Psy.D.
Deborah Warner, Ph.D.

Absent: Steven C. Atkins, Psy.D.
James Halla, Psy.D.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Minutes of November 2, 2018 were approved with a motion by Tonya Warren, Psy.D., and a second by Robert Walrath, Psy.D. and all other members present voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC HEARING

N/A

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

The Board unanimously approved the following Applicant for licensure:

- Leandri, Paul

The Board tabled the following Applicant for licensure due to lack of a quorum:

- St. Jean, Brittany

The Board unanimously approved the following licensure reinstatement:

- Etre, Laura

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Upon a motion by Deborah Warner, Ph.D., with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the Board voted unanimously to deny Jessica DiMarco, Psy.D.'s request for licensure at this time. The Board found Dr. DiMarco's essay submissions still unsatisfactory per Psyc 303.05 (c) in order to be eligible for licensure. Additionally, the Board determined Dr. DiMarco has not met the requirement of signed documentation of 1,500 hours of pre-licensure supervised practice as required under Psyc 302.03. Pursuant to Psyc 205.08, Dr. DiMarco shall participate in an adjudicatory hearing in order to determine any actions she needs to complete to be eligible for licensure, or to determine whether Dr. DiMarco's request for licensure should be denied. The Board will prepare a Notice of Show Cause Hearing for Friday, February 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification.

The Board unanimously approved the following Applicant for a 90-Day temporary licensure.

- Katsavdias, Kostas

The Board unanimously approved the following Applicant to sit for the EPPP Exam.

- Szkodny, Lauren

QUESTIONS

Q. (From Aimee Stashak-Moore, Practicing Manager of Psychological Consulting Services, LLC).

Can you clarify if the NH Public Defenders Office fits this criteria?

"(e) An individual who currently holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice psychology in another state may practice psychology in New Hampshire when deployed in an official action by: (1) The state of New Hampshire; (2) The American Red Cross; (3) The American Psychological Association's disaster response network; (4) The Federal Emergency Management agency (FEMA); or (5) Other entities the board may designate for this purpose." And if so, does one still need to apply for temporary licensure to work for the NH Public Defenders Office if he/she holds an unrestricted license in MA?

A. New Hampshire Public Defender's office is not a state organization.

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Q. (From Tammy Zielinski).

1. Is a college counseling center or public high school an acceptable setting for my post-doctoral supervision? If not, is a mental health clinic or hospital the only other option?
2. Once you start the application process, how long do you have to complete requirements such as the postdoctoral supervision and successful completion of the exam?

I look forward to hearing back. I also just wanted to add that part of the high school setting for post doctoral supervision would include an alternative education setting with students who have multiple mental health conditions.

A. Thank you for your inquiry. The setting is inconsequential. Instead, Rule 302.05(a)(3) states that your post-doctoral clinical supervisor shall be a licensed or certified psychologist who assumes professional and legal responsibility for the professional activities, cases, training, and supervision of the applicant.

Q. (From Jill G. Durand, Psy.D. - Psychological Consulting Services, LLC).

I am writing to inquire about the process for licensure if licensed in another state AND being credentialed through NRHSP or ASPPB. I just called and it is possible that I spoke with you, but after reviewing the Rules, I am still unclear as to the expectation as the purpose of credentialing is to expedite the process and remove the necessity to access supervisors to complete forms.

Please explain what is necessary for application if licensed and credentialed out of the items listed on Page one of the Application Form (1-11), along with fingerprinting, essays, cv. It appears from the rules outlined below that it is just the application "form", fee, CV, and verification from the board. There is no mention of supporting documentation.

Psyc 303.03 Application Process for Those Licensed in Another State.

(a) Persons who wish to apply for a license as a psychologist in New Hampshire, and are already licensed in another state shall:

(1) Submit the application form required by Psyc 303.02; (2) The supporting documentation as required in Psyc 303.02 (c) including the answers to written essay questions; and (3) The required fee as set forth in RSA 310-A:1-e.

(b) Persons who wish to apply for a license as a psychologist in New Hampshire and hold a current certificate of professional qualification in psychology (CPQ) issued by the association of state and provincial psychology boards (ASPPB), or are certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP), or are currently credentialed by the NRHSP shall:

(1) Submit an application as required in Psyc 303.02, together with the required fee, as set forth in RSA 310-A:1-e, I (a). Adopted Rules 11-4-2016 16

(2) Submit evidence of a current CPQ, ABPP, or NRHSP credential;

(3) Submit a current curriculum vitae; and

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(4) Provide verification of licensure from another state or jurisdiction on a "Verification of Licensure/Certification from Another Jurisdiction Form" provided by the board including the following: a. Completed by the applicant: 1. Applicant's name; 2. Applicant's address; 3. Jurisdiction of issue; 4. Phone number; 5. Date of issue; 6. License/certification number; and b. Completed by the verifying board: 1. The applicant's name; 2. The applicant's license/certificate number; 3. The original date of issue of the applicant's license/certificate number; 4. Whether the applicant is currently licensed/certified; 5. Whether the has ever been any disciplinary action taken against the applicant and, if so, a description of such action; 6. Whether there are any complaints pending against the applicant and, if so, a description of such complaints; 7. Whether the applicant is considered to be in good standing in the verifying jurisdiction; 8. The name of the verifying board or jurisdiction; and 9. The dated signature and title of the person who completed the form; and (5) Sign and date the form, which shall serve as a release to the other jurisdiction to provide all information in its files regarding the applicant.

A. Thank you for your question. The Board recognizes there may be an ambiguity between the rules and the forms. It is the Board's intention to create a checklist to clarify what documents are needed for each type of license application. The Board recommends that applications are submitted with the requisite essays. The Board will notify any applicant of any missing documents.

Q. (From Penny Haney).

Thank you for speaking with me today by phone. As I indicated in our conversation, I am a licensed psychologist in Massachusetts who routinely conducts forensic evaluations here in MA. I was contacted by a criminal defense team in New Hampshire to conduct a mental health evaluation of their client, who has pending NH criminal charges. The evaluation will happen in MA (i.e., the client will be traveling to meet with me in MA), but the defense team and client may ultimately want me to testify about my evaluation in the NH court. So, my question is whether there would be any potential legal/licensure issues that would prohibit me from testifying in a NH court about my MA-based evaluation without a NH license?

A. Thank you for your question. Under PSYC 303.04, a psychologist licensed to practice in another state or jurisdiction may practice psychology in New Hampshire for 30 days or less without applying for a license if you submit the appropriate paperwork, listed in the rule that can be found here. <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/index.htm>

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FOLLOW-UP ON APPLICANTS FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2018

- Stephens, Bethanie: Took and failed the EPPP exam twice.

Upon the motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., with a second by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., the Board unanimously voted unanimously to notify Dr. Stephens of the following: under Psyc 303.05(1), if the applicant fails the EPPP examination a second time, readmission shall be permitted only after completion of coursework as described in the rule. The Board is leaving the specific coursework up to Dr. Stephens, and requests proof of completion of the coursework before approval to take the examination. The Board also suggests Dr. Stephens re-review her essays for word minimums and content before her application is up for approval upon passing the exam.

Upon a motion at 10:20 a.m. by Deborah Warner, Ph.D., with a second by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., the Board moved from public session to non-public.

Upon the motion at 10:50 a.m. by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., with a second by Deborah Warner, Ph.D., the Board moved out of non-public session back into public.

Upon motion at 10:50 a.m., by Deborah Waner, Ph.D., with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the Board voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the propose action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m. with a motion made by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., and a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq.